

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY  
FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my  
name,

I believe I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed  
and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled DRUG-ELUTING STENT WITH  
METHODS OF MAKING SAME the specification of which (check one)

is attached hereto XX

was filed on \_\_\_\_\_

Application Serial No.

and was amended on (or amended through)  
(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-  
identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) referred to  
above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the  
examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec.  
1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Sec.  
119 (a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have  
also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing  
date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Number	Country	Foreign Filing Date MM/DD/YYYY	Priority Claimed	
			Yes	No
NONE				

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

Provisional Appln. Serial No(s).	Filing Date MM/DD/YYYY	Status (patented, pending, abandoned)
NONE		

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

I hereby appoint the following attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

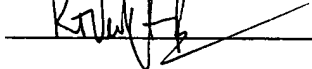
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